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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

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Flood future report outlines recommendations for managing California's risks

The first comprehensive look at statewide exposure to flood risk is available online. [*California's Flood Future: Recommendations for Managing the State's Flood Risk*](#) was developed by DWR and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to outline actions for addressing barriers to improved flood management. The information is intended to develop policies and investments that will improve public safety, foster environmental stewardship and support economic stability. Highlights of the final report are included in the [executive summary](#).



CWC agenda will include a look at the Water Plan's public review draft

A presentation on the public review draft of *California Water Plan Update 2013* will be part of next week's [California Water Commission \(CWC\) meeting](#). Commissioners will be considering comments on the objectives and resource management strategies in the Water Plan. The meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 20, in Sacramento. A [webcast](#) will be available.

Desalination PSP being prepared for up to \$8.7 million in funding

DWR's Water Use and Efficiency Branch is in the process of completing a proposal solicitation package (PSP) for desalination grant funding. This is the third round of Proposition 50 funding to support projects that develop brackish and seawater desalination as a water supply. Up to \$8.7 million in funds will be distributed during this round. Details and the PSP schedule are available [here](#).

Forest service dialog series will look at wildland fire issues

A series of dialogs hosted by the U.S. Forest Service will continue next month with a discussion on [land management and wildland fire](#). The session will be Thursday, Dec. 12, in Sacramento. The series started in 2010 and has focused on the issues that affect the Sierra Nevada and the Cascades.



New state criteria will help cities and counties with flood management plans

A new resource is available to help cities and counties make findings related to land use decisions. DWR has developed the Urban Level of Flood Protection Criteria. It provides details on promoting floodplain management while working within state laws and smart growth strategies. Details on the development of the criteria are available [here](#).

Workshop will look at water problem similarities between California and Australia

A look at the similarities of the water issues facing Southern California and South Australia will be the subject of a workshop and webinar tomorrow, Nov. 14. The California Stormwater Quality Association is sponsoring the event that will provide details on the latest planning and integrated water management practices being used in both regions. More information is available in the [agenda](#).